Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern on a color recording medium that forms an image using a number N of colorants, the method comprising the step of forming the watermark pattern using at least two colorants, but fewer than N colorants.

2. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern according to claim 1 wherein the step of forming the watermark pattern comprises the step of applying an exposure energy onto the color recording medium.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern according to claim 1 wherein the color recording medium is a photosensitive medium.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern according to claim 1 wherein the color recording medium is a motion picture negative.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern according to claim 2 wherein the exposure energy is light.

13. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern according to claim 2 wherein the exposure energy is heat.

14-16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern on a photosensitive color recording medium having at least a cyan colorant-producing component, a magenta colorant-producing component, and a yellow colorant-producing component,

the method comprising the step of exposing the watermark pattern to both the magenta colorant producing component and the yellow colorant-producing component but not to the cyan colorant-producing component of the color recording medium.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern according to claim 17 wherein the step of exposing is performed prior to exposure of the color recording medium to image content.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A method for recording a watermark pattern according to claim 17 wherein the color recording medium is a motion picture negative.

22-38. (Canceled)